

Special Town Meeting
December 1, 2009

A Special Town Meeting of the Town of East Windsor was held at the East Windsor Town Hall on Tuesday, December 1, 2009. The meeting was called to order by First Selectman, Denise Menard at 7:30 P.M.

Motion was made by Scott Riach and seconded by Gil Hayes that George Butenkoff preside as Moderator.

Motion was made by Linda Sinsigallo and seconded by Jack Mannette that nominations for Moderator be closed.

Both motions passed unanimously.

Town Clerk, Karen W. Gaudreau read the call to the meeting.

Moderator read the statement of eligibility to vote.

Item #1

The following resolution was introduced and read.

Resolved: To recommend the funding for the engineering of the North Road Sewer USDA Application for Federal Assistance for the USDA application for up to \$27,000, as recommended by the Board of Finance September 16, 2009, to be taken from capital & nonrecurring unassigned line (1-08-55-1025-7-799-0658-0) in the budget.

The resolution was moved and then seconded by Gil Hayes.

Discussion:

Ed Alibozek, WPCA thanked the Board of Selectmen for allowing this presentation and the Townspeople for listening. More engineering is needed for this shovel ready project. In addition a 40-year-old pump station needs to be replaced.

Jay Ussery, JR Russo & Associates. Their firm has been contacted by WPCA for this shovel ready project. The inland Wetlands Permit has been received. The next step is to complete the USDA Rural Application. They will provide the engineering report and the environmental report for the application.

Laurie Whitten, Town Planner. She explained that the 2004 Plan of Conservation and Development calls for service and retail operations on North Road up to Mullen Road. Currently it is mostly Industrial and Commercial. As to the concern for multi family rentals, this zoning only allows for Condominiums. Many businesses have not developed in town due to lack of sewers on North Road.

Mark Homer, Atlantic States Rural Water & Wastewater Association. USDA Rural Development has been unprecedented due to the Economic Stimulus Program. This project is an investment in the community, not just an expense to the community. There has never been a better time to do this project with grant money and low funding rates.

Paul Anderson, Chairman WPCA. Stated this money is not for building but for an engineering study. The project is estimated to cost \$3.6 million with 40-45% funding from the USDA and other grants. He further stated that the \$1.3 million Sewer Bond would be paid off in March with a current interest rate of 6.875-6.9%. It could be replaced with a lower rate bond. It's not a sure thing but the possibility is there.

Marie DeSousa. Commented that the presentation was excellent. Stated it was good that the meeting was taped so those not able to attend can see the importance of this project.

Denise Menard, First Selectman. Worked with WPCA to try to get this grant so the Town can move forward. Fully advocates.

Ed Alibozek, WPCA stated there is a time constraint to this funding.

Mark Homer, Atlantic States Rural Water & Wastewater Association. Money that’s appropriated will cease at the end of the next Fiscal Year, September 2010. Congress may re-appropriate but there is no guarantee. The program is a combination loan and grant. The study will determine how much will be needed.

Jim Richards. With the engineering study complete, what is the life span of the information?

Ed Alibozek, WPCA. The engineers plan to go forward with the project.

Jay Ussery, JR Russo & Associates. The engineering design will be done according to standard practices. The Wetlands permit is good for 5 years, after which the WPCA can re-apply. They are looking years down the road.

Bob Lyke. Are there stipulations? He is absolutely in favor.

Paul Anderson, Chairman WPCA. Yes, towns over 10,000 in population do not qualify, and after the next census East Windsor may not qualify. In answer to the question of how much was paid on the existing bond monthly or yearly, Mr. Anderson was unclear.

Bob Slate. Asked if the pump station by the Trolley Museum would be replaced. Ed Alibozek replied that it needs replacing however there are no current funds. It would be replaced during this project.

With no further discussion, Moderator called for a voice vote and declared the resolution unanimously approved.

Item #2

The following resolution was introduced and read by Jason Bowsza.

Resolved: To adopt a resolution entitled “RESOLUTION APPROVING OPERATING ASSISTANCE GRANT CONTRACT BETWEEN THE GREATER HARTFORD TRANSIT DISTRICT AND THE TOWN OF EAST WINDSOR”. Said contract authorizes participation in the Greater Hartford Transit District and provides for transportation services for the elderly and/or handicapped.

Mr. Bowsza moved the resolution, seconded by Gil Hayes.

Denise Menard, First Selectman gave a brief explanation of this grant. It is received every year for up to 50% of expenses not to exceed \$6,948.

Motion passed unanimously by a voice vote.

Motion was made by Linda Sinsigallo and seconded by Bob Slate to adjourn. Meeting was declared adjourned at 7.55 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted
Karen W. Gaudreau

Attest: _____
Town Clerk